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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS ON CYPRUS DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY: MAKARIOS VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST BISHOPS AND GRIVAS

1. DURING INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ON TERRO-
ISM (SEPTTEL) WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL MATTERS OF
IMPORTANCE ON LOCAL SCENE

2. THE BISHOPS: ARCHBISHOP SAID HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE
ANY SERIOUS EFFECTS AS A RESULT OF BISHOPS' CONFIRMATION
OF THEIR DECISION TO DEFROCK HIM. SAID HE WOULD TAKE
NO ACTION UNTIL AFTER ORTHODOX EASTER(APRIL 29). IF
BY THAT TIME BISHOPS HAD NOT RECANTED HE WAS INCLINED
TO CALL NEW ELECTION IN SEE OF YENNADIOS BISHOP OF PAPHOS (ON
GROUND LATTER HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM DIOCESE FOR MORE THAN
SIX MONTHS) AND REPLACE HIM WITH A MORE AMENDABLE CLERGY-
MAN. FURTHER, ARCHBISHOP WILL PROBABLY REQUEST PARTIRCHS
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OF ALEXANDRIA, JERUSALEM AND ANTIOCH TO MEET WITH HIM IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION FROM A WIDER ECCLESIASTICAL GROUPING.

3. GEN GRIVAS: HIS EYES FLASHING, ARCHBISHOP ASSERTED HE WOULD NOT YIELD IN FACE OF GRIVAS ACTIVITIES. GRIVAS WAS A DESTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE AND COULD BE DISASTROUS FOR CYPRUS. AT SAME TIME, ARCHBISHOP DEPLORED ACTIONS OF ARMED BANDS PURPORTEDLY ORGANIZED IN HIS SUPPORT TO RETALIATE FOR GRIVAS DEPREDATIONS. DENYING RIGHT WING PRESS STORY TO CONTRARY, HE SAID HE WAS PROCEEDING WITH RECRUITMENT OF AUXILIARY POLICE, BUT IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE UNITY OF POLICE FORCE THIS NAME WOULD NOT BE USED. INSTEAD, MAJOR PANTAZIS WILL BRACKET HIS NEW RECRUITS INTO EXISTING POLICE TACTICAL RESERVE.

4. RELATIONS WITH GREECE: ARCHBISHOP EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH AMBIGUITY OF GREEK GOVT POSITION IN THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD. IT WAS NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE. GREEK GOVT SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT GREEK OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD WHO WERE STILL FEEDING HARMFUL STORIES TO RIGHT WING PRESS AND ENCOURAGING ENOSISTS.

5. CLERIDES ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO RESIGN: PRESIDENT WAS GUARDED ON THIS SUBJECT. SAID HE HAD NOT YET SPOKEN TO CLERIDES BUT IMAGINED CLERIDES WAS MOTIVATED BY APPARENT IMPOSSIBILITY OF CARRYING ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WHILE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY WAS DISTURBED BY GRIVAS- INSPIRED VIOLENCE.

6. VISIT TO CHINA: CONFIRMING REPORTS HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO VISIT PEKING, ARCHBISHOP SAID EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL SITUATION. NO DATE HAD BEEN SET FOR VISIT, BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT ARCHBISHOP MIGHT MAKE THE TRIP AFTER ATTENDING COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS MEETING IN CANADA IN AUGUST.
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